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OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open for 16-hour periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3,

-the Koyuktolik (Dogfish) Subdistrict west of the longitude of the mouth of the lagoon channel, (151° 52.72' W. long),

-the Windy Bay Subdistrict,

-the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and

-the Port Dick Subdistrict **excluding** waters in Port Dick North and Port Dick South sections.

All anadromous stream closures are in place in these areas.

Preliminary harvest estimates from the 7/30 and 7/31 fishing periods are 10,500 chum and 7,200 pink salmon harvested from Port Dick, and 4,500 chum and 4,000 pink salmon from Rocky Bay.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the China Poot Subdistrict excluding the China Poot SHA, and waters of the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon, remain open to commercial salmon **purse seine harvest** on a regular schedule of two 64-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 10:00 p.m. Saturday until further notice. In addition, waters of the Seldovia Subdistrict and waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict east of 151° 48.50' west longitude will open for a 16-hour fishing period from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Thursday, August 2.

The China Poot SHA is defined in 5 AAC 21.373 as, "the marine waters of the China Poot Bay Subdistrict in the Southern District shoreward of and enclosed by a line from 59° 34.66' N. lat., 151° 19.27' W. long., to 59° 35.08' N. lat., 151° 19.77' W. long., to 59° 33.09' N. lat., 151° 25.22' W. long., to 59° 32.84' N. lat., 151° 24.90' W. long.;"

Also within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial salmon **set gillnet harvest** on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday until further notice. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict remain closed to commercial set gillnet harvest.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Bruin Bay Subdistrict excluding the Kirchner Lake Special Harvest Area, and waters of the Chenik Subdistrict excluding Chenik Lagoon remain open to commercial seine harvest on a seven day per week schedule. Remaining subdistricts in the Kamishak Bay District **excluding** the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts are open on this schedule.

SUBSISTENCE: Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict including the English Bay Section remain open to weekly subsistence set gillnet harvest periods from 6:00 AM, Monday until 10:00 PM, Sunday and will continue on this schedule until further notice. Total passage at the English Bay weir through July 30 was 3,861 fish. The SEG for this system is 6,000 – 13,500 sockeye salmon. Historically the average English Bay sockeye salmon return is over 97% complete by July 16. The intent of this opening is to provide opportunity for subsistence users to harvest other species as well as sockeye salmon returning to the Port Graham hatchery remote release site.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 3.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.